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ILLUSTRATED TALK ON "HOMES IN SOCIETY HILL" FEATURED AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, NOVEMBER 21st

A noted resident of Society Hill, Philadelphia's historic restoration in the area of Independence Hall, will give his views of this ambitious and exciting program at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 21.

Mr. Arnold Nicholson, an associate editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*, is an enthusiast for the development of the Society Hill area of "Old Philadelphia," having bought and restored 241 Pine Street some five or six years ago. The pleasures of living there are described in his article which appeared in the *Post*, Nov. 9, 1957, entitled "We've Got the Weather Licked."

Even for those who have followed the progress of Society Hill closely, Mr. Nicholson's viewpoint as a resident rather than a planner will be a most enlightening one. The talk will be brilliantly illustrated. This is a rare opportunity to look "inside Society Hill" and we urge our members to make every effort to attend.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 21

TIME: 8 P. M.

**PLACE: Friends' Meeting House
Annex, Lake Street**

Mr. Nicholson's talk is scheduled for 9 P. M. after the business meeting at which members will vote on the revisions and additions to the by-laws (see insert), and also the annual slate presented by the nominating committee for the offices of second vice-president, third vice-president, recording secretary, five trustees and the unexpired term of Florence Dickinson.

An interesting highlight of the meeting will be the presentation by Mrs. Mary Pennypacker of an historic Sampler made by Letitia Matlack in 1736 when she was 13 years old. This

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young lady was the daughter of Timothy and Mary Matlack. She was born and bred in Haddonfield and when she was married to Samuel Nichol of the illustrious Nichol family the charming hip-roof house which is now on Ellis street was built for her. The original site of the house was on King's Highway beside the Indian King Tavern but was later moved to its present location.

The Sampler came to Mrs. Pennypacker through her father Peter V. Berger, a noted collector of Haddonfield objects of historic interest. Mrs. Pennypacker reports the Sampler is of unusual beauty and craftsmanship and its display at the next meeting will be a rare treat for local antiquarians.

Please note that our meeting has been moved up to the third Tuesday of November so as not to conflict with the meeting of The Geographical Society of Haddonfield.

CURATOR REPORTS NEW ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Theodore Brigham, acting curator of the Society, has received several interesting small items to add to the Society's exhibits. A bottle-green velvet hat c. 1842 and five D. A. R. lineage books dated 1891-96 are gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Massey, Jr. An old sleigh and child's goat cart have also been added to the miscellany at Greenfield Hall.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP FOR PROGRAM

Mrs. David Hart, the chairman, requests volunteers to help with the immediate problem of the 4th grade visits by 180 children. A mimeographed story and map with related material should be prepared for these young visitors. Also help in planning.

A walking tour, movies, exhibits, talks and demonstrations of pottery, Indians, etc.

Help for the Adult School in carrying out the plans of the Society for Antiques and Civil War courses. Call her any morning, HA 9-4362.

N. J. HISTORYMOBILE IS MUSEUM ON WHEELS

A "Historymobile" commemorating the tercentenary of the State of New Jersey in 1964 was displayed for the first time at the recent Cooper Hospital Horse Show, Garden State Park. New Jersey historians and antiquarians especially found this unique exhibit, housed in a 50 foot tractor-trailer, a compelling graphic story of the State.

The Historymobile, the work of members of the New Jersey Tercentenary Commission under the personal direction of our own member, David S. Davies, Executive Director, will introduce the Tercentenary celebration and promote a general knowledge of New Jersey history by telling the story of its dynamic growth since 1664.

Using the technique of industrial design and museum presentation ten dramatic exhibits are shown. It is hoped that the Historymobile will be brought to Haddonfield in the near future.

LIST OF 18th AND 19th CENTURY HADDONFIELD HOUSES IS EXCELLENT GUIDE TO EARLY HISTORY OF TOWN

(An interesting tour for a pleasant day is a walk or ride to see the many interesting old houses and buildings which still stand in Haddonfield. Many of them have been restored or well maintained. A few exist in the same family. All in all there are few towns in Southern New Jersey which can claim the preservation of so many of its earliest homes.)

1713—Brick building at rear of Wood House of 1842 on Wood Lane. Elizabeth Haddon's "Brew House". This building was originally one story.

1732—258 King's Highway East. Timothy Matlack.

1732—(About) 260 King's Highway East.

1739—38 Tanner Street. "The Tanyard House". Isaac Andrews. Originally 1½ stories high.

1741 — 135 King's Highway East. Now Terry's Shop. Estaugh House, occupied by Ann Banks when Elizabeth Estaugh made her will, Nov. 1761. Left to Mary Stevens who was a niece of John Estaugh.

1741 — 137 King's Highway East. Now Haddon Towne Shop. Estaugh House, willed to Sarah Hopkins, daughter of Ebenezer Hopkins and who married Caleb Cresson.

1742 — 23 Ellis Street. "Hip-roof House" moved (C-1836) from 227 or 229 King's Highway East. Home of Sarah Hopkins, widow of Ebenezer Hopkins. Wood 1½ stories.

1743 — Rear of 264 King's Highway East. Jacob Clement.

1750—233 King's Highway East. "Indian King". Upper Tavern. Various names. Creighton House, Denny House, American House, (after 1816) Temperance House (after local option). Indian King (after 1905). Brick 2½ stories, restored. Maintained by State of New Jersey.

1752—Lane of Acres home of Edwin J. Pearson. Farm house for John Gill, II, part of house may be older than 1753. Samuel Clement bought 227 acres in Sept. 1752 and in the same year sold 110 acres and 10 perches of it to John Gill for 300 pounds. This Gill part included the Mansion House, outhouses and other buildings. Joseph Collings sold the 227 acres to John Estaugh, who sold it to Samuel Boggs, who sold it to Samuel Clement.

1758—309 King's Highway East. Home of Joseph M. Tatem. Probably built by John Shivers. Timothy Matlack bought the land from John Gill, 1744. Matlack sold to Hillman 1754 and Hillman sold to Shivers, 1758.

1760—8 Tanner Street. Probably the site of Estaugh Tavern. Present building built in the 1870's by Isaac Middleton.

1765—215 King's Highway East. Now Bud's Market. Property of Mary Redman Miller.

1777—Cor. King's Highway East and Mechanic Street. Now Neumeyer's. Lower tavern. Edward Gibbs bought lot from Elizabeth Estaugh in 1761. At the same time Thos. Cummings bought lot adjoining. A few years later, Gibbs bought the Cummings property. Gibbs built the tavern in 1777.

1782—139 King's Highway East. Now Lillian Albus Shop. Built by Samuel Kennard.

1789—Friends' School, corner Lake and Haddon Avenue. 2 story brick.

1790—438 and 444 King's Highway East, corner Lee Avenue. Double house.

1790—(about) 432 King's Highway East. Recently restored. Originally Kay property.

1799—Corner Haddon and Lake Street. Elkinton House. Built by John Estaugh Hopkins. Wood, 2 stories.

1800—"Birdwood"—Home of former Gov. Driscoll. End of Hopkins Lane. Wood, 2 stories.

1800—(about) 405 Birdwood Avenue. Farm house for Birdwood.

1805—50 Potter Street. Old Pottery.

1816—344 King's Highway East. John Roberts House, Mansion type, brick 2½ stories.

1816 — 232 King's Highway East. Now Scribner Store; Glover House, east side is original, west side built by Samuel M. Reeves.

1820—(about) 24 Potter Street. Thackara House (Eggman House), wood. 2½ stories.

1825—(about) 25 Potter Street. Home of W. C. Rulon.

1830—22 Roberts Avenue. Home of H. R. Leicht. Built by Nicholas Willits. Formerly stood at about 428 King's Highway East and moved to present location 1914.

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1825—34 Warwick Road. John A. Swinker house. Formerly stood at 22 King's Highway West, and moved to its present location.

1830—18 King's Highway West. Built by John W. Swinker.

1834—255 King's Highway East. Home of Dr. Barron. Built by Dr. Chas. Hendry. Former home of James Lane Pennypacker.

1834—S. W. Corner Redman and Westmont Avenue, built by Thomas Redman. Rear part now used as garage built at much earlier date.

1815—(about) Corner Willits and Colonial Avenue. Formerly stood on King's Highway, moved to present location when Colonial Avenue put through. Home of Dr. Bowman Hendry, born 1773, came to Haddonfield 1794, had two sons, both of whom were doctors.

1835—250 King's Highway East. Fisher Store. Well in front of house was used for fire fighting. Two story, wood.

1836—8 King's Highway West. Stretch Funeral Home. 2½ story, wood, built by Nathan Willits.

1836—227, 229, 231 King's Highway East. Three brick houses built by John Shivers for John Clement. Willed to 3 daughters of John Clement.

1841—343 King's Highway East. "Greenfield Hall" home of Historical Society of Haddonfield. Brick, 2½ story, built by John Gill, 4th. The third house to be erected on this site. First by John Gill, I, prior to 1714; second built in 1747 by John Gill, II, and the "Little Room" and quarters over in the present Greenfield Hall are from the original John Gill, II, house.

1842—Wood House on Wood Lane. Built on foundations of Elizabeth Haddon House which was built in 1713 and destroyed by fire in 1842. (Brew House remained—see 1713). Greek Revival, three stories, Mansion type.

1844—N. W. Corner King's Highway East, and Grove Street, Alexander House.

1846—252 and 254 King's Highway East. Home (254) and office (252) of Dr. Benj. Blackwood.

1851—Hicksite Friends' Meeting, Ellis and Walnut Streets, moved and turned at right angles, 200 feet and became central part of Acme Super Market.

1851—Lake Street Meeting.—Lake Street at Friends Avenue. 2 story, brick.

1853—The Haddon Fortnightly Club House, corner King's Highway East and Grove Street, 2 story, brick, with balcony, stage, etc. Originally built as Methodist Church. Later Artisans Hall.

1854—613 Warwick Road. Ephraim Gill House.

1856—56 Haddon Avenue. "The Estaugh". Built by Chas. Rhoads, 2½ story, fr. brick.

1856—38 Haddon Avenue. Home of Mr. J. T. Carey. Built from log cabin on site, by Parkham and others. 2½ story, frame.

1852—(or earlier) Wm. Coffin House on Bancroft School grounds.

—19 Potter Street.

—Rear or corner Potter and King's Highway East. Shinn House.

SITES OF EARLY STRUCTURES

1682—Mountwell. Stood on west side of Center Street, just south of Cottage Avenue. Built by Francis Collings. Destroyed by fire in spring of 1872.

1742 — 207 King's Highway East, corner alley. Wm. Criscom and Capt. Cooper.

1817—(circa) corner King's Highway East and Mechanic Street, now Farrow Store. Built by Richard Stafford; destroyed by fire in 1955. First telephone in Haddonfield located here.

1764—Site of Fire House. Second oldest volunteer fire company in U. S.

—Two smithies, one located at triangle of Haddon and Mechanic Street, the other at triangle of Potter and Ellis Streets.

EIGHT CHANGES IN BY LAWS—HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JULY 1961*(To be voted on at annual business meeting, November 21, 1961)***ARTICLE I***Members*

Section 1. Classes: The Society shall be composed of the following classes of members:

A. Contributing members.

B. Sustaining members.

C. Presently existing life members and such further life members as have been heretofore or shall be hereafter designated by the Board of Trustees.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY, that the following portions of the by-laws of this Society be and the same are hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE II

Section 2. Payment. The annual dues shall be payable October 15th of each year. Any member joining after June 15th shall pay one-half the annual dues. The names of all members who are two years in arrears in the payment of dues shall be submitted by the Treasurer to the Membership Committee, who shall thereupon recommend to the Board of Trustees, and the latter shall determine, whether or not such members shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Number and Term of Office. The executive officers of this Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and a Curator. The Curator shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall serve at the Board's pleasure. The remaining officers shall be divided into two groups as follows: Group A shall consist of the President, the First Vice-President, the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer. Group B shall consist of the Second Vice-President, the Third Vice-President and the Recording Secretary. One Group of officers shall be elected each year for the term of two years, so that the term of office of one Group of officers shall expire each year. Each officer shall serve for the term for which he or she shall have been elected and until his

or her successor shall have been duly chosen. No officer in either Group, except the Treasurer, shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.

Section 2. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the offices included in either Group, the Board of Trustees shall elect a successor to hold office until the next regular annual meeting of the members, at which time the members shall elect a successor to hold office for the then unexpired portion, if any, of the term of the officer whose place shall be vacant and until the election of his or her successor.

Section 4. First Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President when the latter is absent or incapable of performing or exercising them. He or she shall also act as Chairman of such committee or committees as the President shall designate.

Section 5. Second Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President when the latter and the First Vice-President are absent or incapable of performing or exercising them. He or she shall also act as Chairman of such committee or committees as the President shall designate.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. Program Committee. There shall be a Program Committee, the Chairman and members of which shall be selected by the President from the membership of the Society and who shall serve at his or her pleasure. The Program Committee shall arrange programs for the four regular meetings of the members.

Section 3. Property Committee. There shall be a Property Committee, the Chairman and members of which shall be selected by the President from the membership of the Society and who shall serve at his or her pleasure. The Property Committee shall have charge, subject to the Board of Trustees, of the maintenance and repair of all buildings and grounds of the Society and of the making of alterations and additions thereto.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 15. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MAILED THEM, WON'T YOU PLEASE DO SO TODAY ?

YOUR COOPERATION IN PROMPT PAYMENT OF DUES HELPS YOUR SOCIETY TO MAINTAIN A FINE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, OBTAIN INTERESTING SPEAKERS AND DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF ALL MEMBERS.

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Mr. Howard S. Tilton, counsel for the Society, wishes to advise the membership of a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service received last June to the effect that "Dues in excess of \$5 per person as contributions are deductible from your federal taxable income, and bequests are deductible for federal estate tax purposes."

Mr. Tilton has also clarified the dues for contributing couples and members as follows, "Pursuant to the action actually taken by the Board of Trustees, a single contributing member would also pay \$25 for such a membership."

**MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETY IS
WELCOME XMAS GIFT**

An ideal small gift which brings large dividends to its recipient all year around is a membership in the Haddonfield Historical Society. The Society offers so many riches in interesting meetings, a beautiful headquarters and valuable exhibits that the small sum of membership can hardly be matched anywhere for value. Just fill in the names and addresses of friends to whom you wish to send a membership. A special Christmas gift card with your name will be mailed with each membership card in time for Christmas. All gift memberships must be received by December 10th.

Mrs. James G. Aiken, Editor
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**HOW TO JOIN
THE HADDONFIELD HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Check the classification you wish and mail with your check or money order and your name and address to the chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. Wm. E. Moody, 811 Edge Park Drive E., Haddonfield.

Contributing Membership:

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